

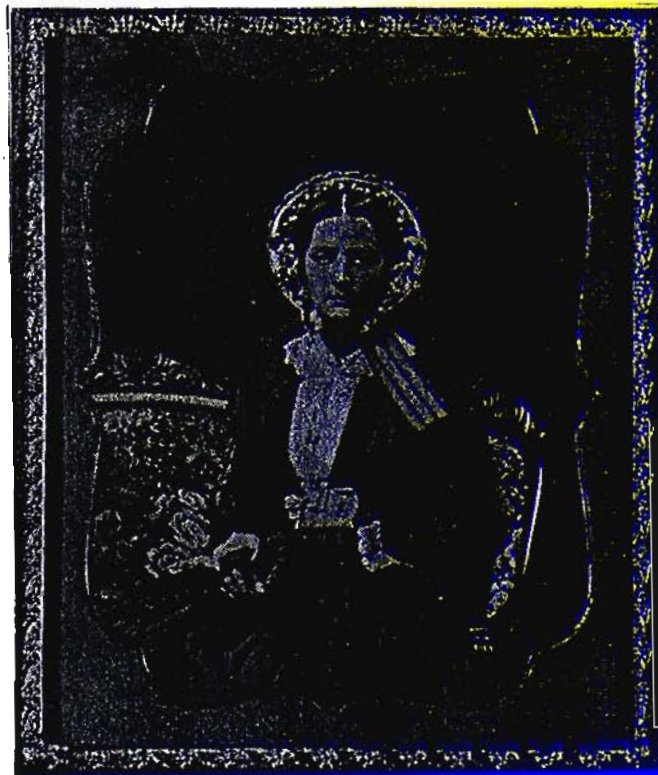
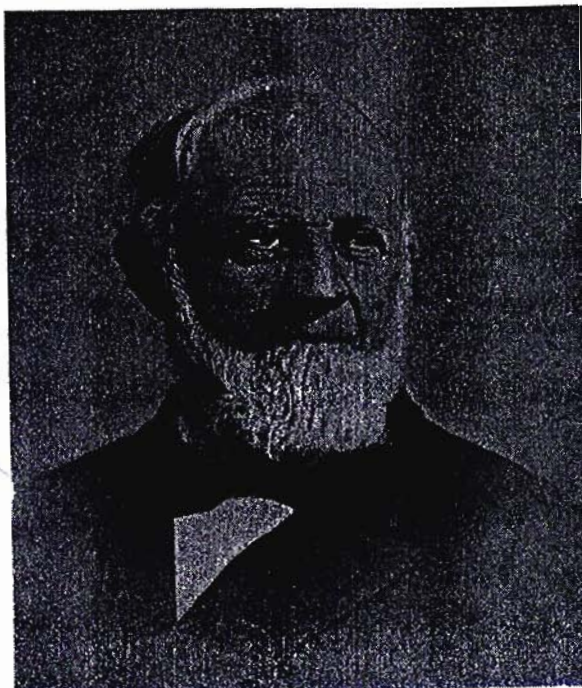
## WHAT'S ALL THE HOOP-LA?

### Fashion changes duly noted

In the 130-some years since the events in this story took place every facet of life has undergone drastic changes. Our reactions to those changes remain more or less constant, though. Women liked to stay current with fashions then, just as they do now. From Gratia Mahony, North Andover, MA, comes this charming story illustrating that point -- plus photos of the protagonists.

#### A STORY OF CHARLOTTE CORDAY DUNHAM

The following story is excerpted from the book WHALING WIVES, by Emma Mayhew Whiting & Henry Beetle Hough, pub. Boston, 1953. The Dunham line is: John 1, Jonathan 2, Jonathan 3, Cornelius 4, Shubael 5, Thomas 6, Charlotte Corday (1829-1898) 7. "In the year 1793 a young man named Thomas Dunham ((6)) from Holmes Hole (on Martha's Vineyard) happened to be in Le Havre when a certain girl counterrevolutionist was sent to the guillotine in Paris. Thomas was a romantic of 22 at the time, & when he had become 58 & a man of wealth he looked back tenderly, remembering his youth & the legendary beauty of the French girl, & he named his last child, daughter of these afternoon years, Charlotte Corday. Thomas died in 1841 at the age of 70, when Charlotte was 12, & at home, besides herself, was only her half-sister Cordelia. Charlotte was not pressed to undertake any activities, but in time she engaged to teach the Wood School at North Tisbury. Nathan Mayhew Jernegan was the son of Nathan & Prudence Jernegan, & he had gone to sea at 11. At age 27 Nathan was to command his first



Captain Nathan  
Jernegan  
and Charlotte Corday  
Dunham Jernegan

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CHARLOTTE CORDAY DUNHAM (from p. 1) whaleship, the NIGER of New Bedford. On July 2, 1852 he & Charlotte Corday Dunham were married at Holmes Hole. The daguerreotype of Charlotte shows her as a young wife, wearing a flowered bonnet, the flowers clustering against her white, curving cheeks, the whole tied with a ribbon under a delicate but by no means weak chin. In October 1852 the bride of so little more than 3 months said farewell to her whaling-captain husband... The voyage of the NIGER lasted until March 24, 1856, a whaling voyage of 1249 days. From March through August the captain & his wife could be together; then he must sail again to the Pacific. This time Charlotte sailed with him. The NIGER was reported at the Azores in 1856, & she was spoken near the island of LaMocha, off the Chile coast, just south of Talcahuano in 1857. After cruising on the Archer grounds she came once more to port at Talcahuano on Nov. 20. Nathan had brought the NIGER to leave Charlotte, for she, like others before her, was pregnant. Nor had he landed her too soon. Her baby, a son, was born only some 7 weeks later, on Jan. 9, 1858. On Feb. 13 Charlotte wrote a letter to Mrs. George W. Pease II at Edgartown, wife of the NIGER's 2nd mate. In it she says, "All are well. I have a little son. He is 5 weeks old today. I want to get back to the ship very much." On Apr. 13 the ship arrived & remained for 11 days, then sailed again. Charlotte had her desire; she was at sea again; & her husband & her small son were with her. The voyage of the NIGER, begun in 1856, was to end on Aug. 14, 1860 at New Bedford. When the NIGER was docked Capt. Jernegan went up town to report to his agent. He had taken 1535 barrels of sperm, 10 of whale oil, & 500 lbs. of bone. Business completed for the moment, Nathan walked back down Union St. past Johnny-cake Hill to his ship. Charlotte had arrayed herself in a lovely rustling taffeta silk with an enormous hoopskirt, for as a captain's wife, she intended to look her best. Nathan, as custom ran, was wearing a beaver hat. "I don't know what it is," he said, "Hanged if I do, but the women ashore look different. They aren't dressed the same." A carriage was summoned to take the captain's family uptown. They rattled up the cobbled hill, & Charlotte's eye quickly pinned down the doubt that had afflicted Nathan. It was her luck to have arrived home after a 46-month voyage in the Pacific to find that hoop-skirts had gone out of fashion. Her position was difficult. Here she was in an obsolete style of costume that could not be disguised or hidden, bound as fast as a cab horse could carry her to the Parker House. Quickly & expertly, she rid herself of the hoops & abandoned them in the hack. She took off her enormous bonnet & hung it casually over her arm. The hack drew up to the curb in front of the hotel, & Charlotte stepped out, holding up her superfluous skirts. She negotiated a landing well enough, but on the passage into the Parker House she tripped over the slack & almost fell. It was not long before she emerged again for a round of the shops, so that when she reached the Vineyard she was attired in the height of fashion with a linen suit & a pancake hat. A few weeks later she gave birth to a daughter, another Charlotte, & she did not go to sea again.

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## DUNHAM DISPATCH

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## SOCIAL SECURITY DEATH BENEFITS: DUNHAM

This is the 3rd & final part of the print-out sent in by Selma Blackmon, Stone Mountain, GA.

SSN	SNDC	NAME	BIRTH	IS	DEATH	R-ZIP	P-ZIP	RC
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2 Dunham lines with which we need help are represented here. We can tie in neither the Rufus & Jane (Pratt) Dunham mentioned in the brochure about the Cleveland museum (for which we thank Jean Bevis, Cleveland Heights, OH) nor the Albert Dunham described in the sketch from the Kalamazoo Co. (MI) history (for which we thank Betty Dunham, Kalkaska, MI). The narrative of the brochure continues on the inside, as follows: "...the area. Contemporary newspaper articles mention turkey shoots & meetings of the Whig party at the Dunham Tavern. The Dunhams sold the tavern in 1853, but it continued to serve the public until 1857..."



DUNHAM TAVERN MUSEUM 1824  
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## A Cleveland Landmark

Once a stagecoach stop on the old Buffalo-Cleveland-Detroit post road, Dunham Tavern Museum is the oldest building still standing on its original site in Cuyahoga County. Today the property at 6709 Euclid Avenue, part of the MidTown Corridor, is listed in the Register of National Historic Places and is a designated Cleveland Landmark.

Rufus and Jane Pratt Dunham, a young couple from Mansfield, Massachusetts, came to the Western Reserve in 1819. They acquired 13½ acres of land and began to farm. A log cabin served as their home while the north portion of the present structure was built in 1824. Later the main block of the house was added in front of this wing, and it is thought that the west wing was built in 1832.

Rufus Dunham became a tavern-keeper as well as a farmer, and his home served as a social and political center for

ALBERT S. DUNHAM. One of the most finely improved estates of Cooper Township, Kalamazoo County, is the farm owned and occupied by this gentleman and comprising one hundred and ten acres on section 17. Here careful attention is devoted both to general farming and stock-raising, in which he has been successful. In connection with his farm duties, he has acted as agent for several leading agricultural companies, having gained considerable experience in that line while in Kalamazoo in the agricultural implement business for three years.

Among the officers who accompanied Gen. Wolfe in his expedition against Quebec was the great-grandfather of our subject, whose family consisted of eight sons, four of whom served as patriots and four as Tories during the Revolutionary War. Grandfather Edward Dunham, who was born near Albany, was a Captain during the War of the Revolution and guarded the northern

frontier against the hostile Tories. During the War of 1812 he was too infirm and aged to enlist, but his commodious house was always open to soldiers and refugees, and he gave his entire crop of wheat, amounting to eight hundred bushels, for the benefit of the Colonies. For some years he conducted an extensive lumber business, but after his marriage, cleared a large farm in Monroe County, N. Y., where he died at the great age of ninety-eight years.

The father of our subject, Seneca Dunham, was born in Ontario County, N. Y., where he received a good education and graduated from the Monroe High School. He studied law for a time but owing to ill health gave up his practice. In 1864, he emigrated to Michigan, and settled in Cooper Township, Kalamazoo County, where he purchased a tract of land and operated a farm until his death in 1878, at the age of seventy-one years. He was Captain of a company in Monroe County, which was ordered out at the time of the Patriot War by Gen. Scott. He took an active part in politics in New York, and was a strong anti-slavery man, as well as an adherent of the principles of the Re-

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# ALBERT S. DUNHAM (cont'd from p. 4)

publican party, which he aided in organizing.

In a family of two children, our subject was the elder and was born in Monroe County, N. Y., August 30, 1837. His mother, whose maiden name was Tirza Daniels, was born in Ontario County, N. Y., and died at the age of eighty years. She was a pious woman, a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and endeavored to train her son and daughter for honorable positions in life. The daughter, Cornelia, is the wife of Alonzo Montgomery and lives in Kansas.

After receiving his education in the common schools of the district and spending a few terms at Albion Academy, Mr. Dunham came to Michigan with his parents in 1864, and commenced to operate a farm. When ready to establish a home of his own, he was married, in 1865, to Amelia Dunham, who died two years later, leaving one child, Sophia, now with her father. In 1868, Mr. Dunham was again married, choosing as his wife Miss Sarah Montgomery, who died in 1884. She was the mother of four children: Kirk, Fay, Clinton, and Mary, deceased. The present wife of Mr.

Dunham, to whom he was married in 1886, bore the maiden name of Jennie Wyner, and is a lady of superior culture.

In his political sympathies, Mr. Dunham is a Republican and cast his first Presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln. He has served as Highway Commissioner one term and also filled other local positions of trust. He is identified with Cooper Lodge, No. 149, F. & A. M., and is prominent in the order. His wife belongs to the Congregational Church, and both are earnest in their advocacy of measures which will uplift the community.

Now we understand that Nathaniel Dunham (1665-1731) is believed NOT to have been the son of Joseph Dunham (1636-1669).

## Q U E R Y

DALE D. GAA, RD # 2, Box 187-A, Greenwich, NY 12834, is searching for a book that even professional book finders have not been able to locate. Might some of our readers be able to help her? The book is: HISTORY OF DUNHAM-ON-TRENT, WITH RAGNALL, DARLTON, WIMPTON, KINGS-BAUGH, A RECORD OF 900 YEARS, by Rev. Howard Chadwich, Page & Shaw Press, Cambridge, Mass., 1924, copyright 1925 by Otis Emerson Dunham, Cambridge, Mass. INITIAL RESPONSE: Thinking that Otis E.'s own family might be the best source of this book, we checked him out in our index. He was born in 1876, 9th gen., with this ancestral line: Deacon John 1, Joseph 2, Benaiah 3, Benaiah 4, Jesse 5, Josiah 6, Thomas H. 7, Thomas H. 8. The line of Otis E. is not continued (nor are the lines of any of his siblings). We note that Thomas H., Jr. (b. 1840) served in the Civil War, most likely from Mass. Possibly his Civil War pension record would provide a clue to whereabouts of descendants. Also try the local library in Cambridge.



FROM FRANK CASTRO, JR., South Windsor, CT, DD has, among other interesting documents, this evocative photo, ca. 1916. Lined up on the porch of this pleasant home are (R to L this time): Lizzie Effie Hamilton Abbey (1882-1931)(8)(Nathaniel Dunham 1, Isaac 2, Simeon 3, Isaac 4, Cyrus 5, Helen M. Dunham Hamilton 6, Andrew R. Hamilton 7); her son, Howard S. Abbey, sporting a shirt bearing the letters HBS; Jenny McCray Hall, who was Lizzie Effie's aunt; & a cat whose name is not recorded, but who appears to be in charge of the group. Had this picture arrived any earlier, we would have recorded Lizzie Effie as belonging to Generation # 10, with Deacon John as # 1 & Joseph as 2.